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FOR ULTRASONIC
CONTINUOUS, NON-INVASIVE
BLOOD PRESSURE
MONITORING

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I, Ralph Thomas Hocter, hereby state:

1. My name is Ralph Thomas Hocter and I reside at 4 Horizon Drive, Saratoga Springs, New York, 12866.

2. I am presently employed by General Electric Global Research in Niskayuna, New York as an Electrical Engineer at the Visualization and Computer Vision Laboratory.

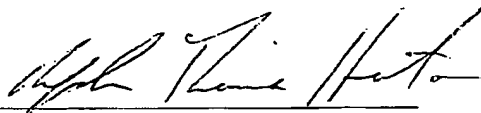
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3. I am a named co-inventor on the present patent application, Serial No. 10/749,181, and on copending patent application, Serial No. 10/948,434 (which is a continuation-in-part of the present patent application).

4. I hereby declare that the subject matter common between the two patent applications was contributed by me and/or the other co-inventors named on the copending patent application (Serial No. 10/948,434) and that any use of such in the present patent application was based upon our contribution to the presently claimed invention. Jeremy William McCarter, the fourth named co-inventor on the present patent application did not contribute to the subject matter of the copending patent application (Serial No. 10/948,434). Thus, the inventive subject matter in the present patent application was not invented by a different inventive entity than the applicants of the copending patent application.

I declare further that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Dated: April 25, 2006

By: 
Ralph Thomas Hctor